

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

GRAHAMVILLE AND CONNOR

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

All the little ones in Grahamville and vicinity enjoyed an egg rolling frolic at Petersburg Saturday at the home of Miss Christian Heinemann. Saturday was Miss Christian's fifteenth birthday, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinemann, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Durisoe, gave her the key to Petersburg. The little miss opened wide the portals, took the doors clear of the hinges and entertained most royally. Assisting the little miss were her mother, Mrs. Peter L. Durisoe and Mrs. A. Long of Connor. During the rest in the outing or frolic, Miss Christian served her guests with delicious strawberry ice cream and cake. We received a special invitation to be present and laugh and play with the little ones. We greatly regret not being there, and we hereby say many, many thanks for the delicious cut of cake which came to our writing desk direct from the "rollers."

"No fairer object of beauty in all this wide world can be found than will be the golden-tressed, peach-cheeked, sunny-smiled, orange-fed girls of Jacksonville when attired in their Easter glad rags," says the big Times-Union.

And stunning! brother, were these Grahamville orange-fed girls up here on Florida Heights at the "Cream of the Florida salad bowl"—Ocala—on Easter day! too stunning for anything. And brother of the big T.-U., the poet in Hood River Oregon, sent us the following after-Easter dispatch in two line poetry:

"On Eastern morn out here in Hood River, Oregon,

Our apple-fed girls looked bewitching with their smiles on."

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graham of Ocala Sunday at their old home.

W. D. Graham is out for the office of tax collector.

Hurrah! Long live Hon. Norman A. Fort, the commissioner on this side.

We had a merry time down on our river one day last week. The whole fleet was busy all day. The doctors had the time of their lives on the raging Oklawaha. Merry, enchanting smiles from the doctors and friends were exchanged around each crook in the river from craft to craft as the little white fleet sped on. The ride up and down the river was greatly enjoyed by all, also the orange grove at Connor. "It's funny how Old Sol gets so curious at times as to change positions so often in the firmament," one of the doctors said. The visitors were lost on several occasions in a knot of crooked bents.

CHATEN CHUM.
ELECTRA ECHOES
Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Politics are warming up a bit since one of our citizens has entered the race. We hope he will win, and we will certainly do all we can to help him. We refer to Mr. J. C. Pillans, who is running for county commissioner from this district. We are sure that if he is elected he will make as good a commissioner as Marion county ever had.

One of the Electra boys, Mr. Porter P. Pillans, will receive his diploma as a full fledged M. D. on the 27th. He has been a student at the University of Chattanooga for the last four years. We are sure he will make an excellent physician as he is well fitted for his profession both by nature and long and persistent study. His mother, Mrs. J. C. Pillans, will attend the graduating exercises.

Mrs. Atwater and daughter, Miss Lena, of Green Cove Springs came down to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holly last Sunday. Mrs. Atwater returned Monday, but Miss Lena will stay for some time. Mr. Holly is still very ill.

Mr. Chester Fort was at Sunday school again last Sunday. It is a pity he has to come so far to attend Sunday school.

Mr. John Rogers and Miss Ethel Stanaland of Lynne also attended the Sunday school here Sunday.

Miss Belle Bishop, our popular teacher, had to go to Ocala last Saturday to have her eyes treated. We hope she is much improved.

Messrs. Ben Holton and Gus Waters attended an ice cream supper on Lake Weir last Saturday evening. They report having had an excellent time.

The F. E. & C. Union is still growing, and the members are deriving great benefit from it, saving from 10 to 50 per cent. on all goods ordered through the union. The members have ordered nearly \$100 worth of goods in the last two weeks.

JOHN PETER.

A negro committed suicide in Jacksonville Sunday by drowning himself. This is becoming a new phase in the negro character.

BELLEVIEV BRIEFS

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Miss Alice Polly of Ocala, accompanied by her grandmother, are visiting their many friends in Bellevue.

Early Saturday morning an attempt was made to rob the station, but nothing of value was taken. The doors were unlocked as was the money drawer, which was found empty. The would-be burglars were then frightened away by the approach of a man who was waiting for the south bound train. Several men were called out, but no trace of the rascals could be found.

The Baptist church was profusely decorated Sunday morning with moss and white oleander, the altar rail being completely covered, and several large vases of other flowers. Rev. Freer preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation. The music was appropriate for the Easter service. At night Presiding Elder White preached an earnest and eloquent sermon in the M. E. church, after which he assisted by Rev. Sirfield, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Friday night the Anti-Saloon League will hold a special meeting in the town hall. We understand that everyone is invited.

Miss Grace Miller of Eustis is in Bellevue visiting her friends, which means everybody.

Robert Pifer spent Sunday in town among his old friends.

Mrs. J. A. Freeman was in Oxford several days last week. She was called there by the illness of her father, Mr. James Freeman. His death occurred on April 18 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lilla Driggers. Mr. Freeman was in his 78th year and was one of the faithful Confederate soldiers. His children, four sons and three daughters, were all by his side when he passed away, and were also at his funeral. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all. The body was brought to Bellevue for burial, and Prof. Green preached the funeral sermon.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. A. T. Whittier next Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. Washburn this week with a good attendance and a good deal of work was accomplished.

Mr. Joe Gross has moved into the Waite house.

Monday night the democratic caucus was held at the town hall.

Friday night the friends of Miss Alice Polly gave her a surprise party at the home of Miss Ella Lyle. She was completely surprised, and they all had a merry evening.

FAIRFIELD FACTS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

A young man, returning from Ocala last Sunday afternoon, met two young ladies near the railroad crossing at Fairfield. His horse realizing the fact that it was leap year, became much alarmed for the safety of his master and tried to run away. It was with great difficulty that his master persuaded him to pass the objects of danger. Now, young men, take care and don't drive horses that are afraid of the girls, because you might miss the opportunity offered by leap year.

The three weeks of protracted meetings ended Thursday night, the good work resulting in thirteen new members for the Methodists.

Miss Bessie Graham, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. L. Godwin the last two weeks, returned to her home at Anthony Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Lohrig came up from Ocala Sunday afternoon on business.

Miss Irene Tate, who has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tate, leaves for her home in North Carolina in a few days.

We regret very much to lose this attractive young lady from our midst.

SIMPLE JIM.

HITS FROM HEIDTVILLE

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

A small crowd of young people went on a fish fry Wednesday, April 15, on the banks of the beautiful Withlacoochee river. All were young folks except Mrs. C. M. Bock. The others were Misses Katie, Mary Jane and Bessie Strickland, Jennie, Nettie and Bessie Brooks and Maggie Jordan and Messrs. Joe and Sam Jordan, Walter Strickland, J. L. Townsend, and Alex. and J. E. Brooks and G. H. Dorr. We all had one of the finest dinners that could be imagined, consisting of fish and other things prepared by the ladies. After dinner the young men took the ladies for boat rides, which were greatly enjoyed. After which all departed for their respective homes delighted over the time they had had.

ONE AND TWO.

Since Easter the new Catholic laws relating to marriage have gone into effect.

ANTHONY ITEMS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

It is still dry, but there are indications of rain, which will be gladly welcomed.

Accidents seem to be epidemic now. Mr. Walker, who mashed his foot while working at the phosphate plant, is now able to get around on crutches. Mr. A. B. Moore and Mr. Ben Forbes were brought in Monday. A building had fallen before it was properly braced and seriously hurt Mr. Moore. Mr. Forbes has a sprained ankle and possibly a broken bone in the foot.

Dr. Glenfield and family from Florida City arrived here last Friday. The doctor expects to run a first class drug store, with soda fountain and ice cream parlor attached. We hope he will have a good patronage, as he is a fine man, and we want that kind of men with us.

Mrs. Pifer came up last week and offered her home and furniture for sale. She soon found a buyer for the property. Mr. Hutto bought it, and expects to locate Dr. Cunningham there, who with his family expects to make his home here. We welcome them most cordially. The doctor was a former pastor of the Methodist church, but will take up his practice as a physician.

A new phone was put in at Robert Munroe's last week, connecting with Anthony. Miss Myrtle Shealey is telephone girl.

Miss Bessie Graham has returned from Fairfield, where she has been visiting friends.

Misses Una Shealey and Mary Forbes expect to attend the summer school at Gainesville.

Mrs. Albright and mother of Gainesville visited Mrs. F. W. Bishop last week.

MARTEL ITEMS

Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

Easter services were held at St. John's church Sunday morning and at Martel in the evening. Both churches were beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. Congregations were large, and the pastor in charge preached an excellent sermon at each church to appreciative audiences.

The ladies of Martel have placed carpeting on the floor and shades to the windows of their church, which adds very much to its beauty and comfort.

Three persons joined St. John's church Sunday, making nine members received on profession of faith from the Sunday school this year.

A reputable and intelligent minister, as a prefix to his Easter sermon stated that a certain person had said that the sun, as is rose on Easter mornings assumed an unusual appearance. That he watched it closely on Sunday morning and that its rays were unusually long, pointed and brilliant, and that the sun seemed to be quivering in motion, and that by the use of smoked glass a crown was distinctly visible in the center of the sun.

Dr. J. M. Jackson and wife of Miami visited the latter's mother, Mrs. J. M. Barco, at Sunny Slope Saturday. The doctor had to leave for his home Sunday. Mrs. Jackson will spend several days before returning to her home.

J. H. Seckinger made his first shipment of cukes April 22 from Martel.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hardaker regret that their business interests compel them to leave Martel for Tampa. The best wishes of our people for the success of Mr. Hardaker's new venture will go with him.

Crops are doing well, but need rain.

W. B. Johnson, of the firm of Clark, Ray, Johnson & Co., has returned from Valdosta, Ga., where he accompanied the remains of his son for interment.

BILLINGSLEY—THOMPSON

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Billingsley at Oak, on Easter Sunday afternoon, were married Mr. A. T. Billingsley and Miss Louise Thompson of Clarksville, Tenn., Rev. Dr. Dodge of the Ocala Presbyterian church, officiating.

After the ceremony light refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley.

Those present at the marriage were the Misses McDowell, Mr. T. J. Arnold, Mr. W. E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Billingsley and their boys.

Dr. Dodge's ceremony and prayer were beautifully impressive.

A FRIEND.

FROM MR. CARNEY

of county commissioners, under special emergency conditions.

The office will again be open for general business on April the twenty-first.

Very truly,

E. L. CARNEY.

ED CARMICHAEL

Though going in and out before our people since he was a boy, Mr. Carmichael has committed his first offense this year in running for a political office.

He has consented to become a candidate for a place on the board of county commissioners, but there is one thing that can be said in mitigation of his offense, a place on the board of county commissioners in recent years has become to be more of a business than a political berth.

Ed Carmichael is emphatically a business man and has been trained to business methods.

When a younger man than he is now he was elected chief of the fire department and he proved to be so efficient that he became known as an ambidextrous man. He acted in every way as if he were two men instead of one and raised the department up to a high point of efficiency.

But owing to the great rush in the office for six weeks previous to the first day of April, I was unable to answer these letters and write the receipts, though working day and night, until after the books closed.

To write the delinquent tax lists for the printers and have it published for five weeks prior to the first day of June (day of sale) requires much time and great care and pains. Should errors occur in this list they annul the sale of lands. When such errors occur the state refuses to pay the printers, and when the errors are mine, I pay the bill. So it behooves me to be exceedingly careful in making up this list. This I could not do with open doors and in confusion.

I write this to let the people know that the closing of doors and writing up of list is no arbitrary ruling of mine, but a state law, by which I am compelled to abide under my oath of office. To keep the books open for collection of taxes after the last day of March would be a positive violation of the law, and could only be done by special instructions from the state comptroller, he having been requested to do so through the board

If Ed Carmichael is elected a member of the board of county commissioners he will investigate things, will know the ifs and the ands, the whys and the wherefores, and nothing will escape his vigilant eye and his inherent and disciplined spirit of detection in harmonizing cause and effect.

LETTER FROM MR. FORT

To the Voters of the Fourth County Commissioner's District:

This April seven years ago I took my seat as county commissioner. The several funds over which the board had control were at that time nearly thirty thousand dollars in debt. Your county millage was approximately the same as now. Your board has during these seven years paid that indebtedness and built forty-five miles of hard roads; built the court house at a cost of sixty thousand dollars, furnished it with modern and up-to-date furniture, having steel roller shelves in the vault of the clerk's office for the county records, also shelves of like make for county judge's office. This, together with beautifying the square, cost several thousand dollars more, and road machinery—\$5500—which, however, was a very poor investment.

Your roads of the fourth district, you will admit, are in 50 per cent. better condition than they were when I took them in hand. Also we have established and maintained six free ferries. Other improvements have been made, but would make this article too lengthy to mention.

Today the county owes but little more than it did when I first became a member of the board.

I am now asking for you to re-elect me for one more term. I do this because I served you all these years up to last June for practically nothing, only getting two dollars per day and ten cents mileage—and of course you know it cost me two dollars per day expenses, thus leaving me the mileage for my time, the wear and tear of horse and buggy, etc. During all this time of service I have never missed a meeting, except one called meeting that I did not get notice of in time to attend. I never was tardy at a meeting. Four months of this time I went on crutches by reason of a broken ankle. The last legislature increased the pay of this office, and I want a full term since the pay has been increased if you feel like I am entitled to it.

Respectfully,

N. A. FORT.

We have two Webster's dictionaries. One spells stratagem with an a, the other with an e. When Webster disagrees with himself, who is to decide?

PIGNIC TIMES ARE HERE

Our stock of Pickles, Olives, Jams, Jellies, Canned Meats, Fancy Cakes and Crackers is complete. You will find it an easy matter to get your lunch for any occasion if you will call at our store and let us help you.

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